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prison abolitionist

manifesto

1. Every rapist is a cop without a badge.
2. Many cops are rapists *with* a badge.
3. Almost no rapists are ever imprisoned. Prisons do not punish rapists.
4. Many prisoners are sexually assaulted in prison. Prisons *reward* rapists with access to victims.
5. The Prison Industrial Complex is not and never has been an institution for punishing people who violently dominate and harm others.
6. The Prison Industrial Complex is not an institution of justice.
7. The Prison Industrial Complex is an institution of racial slavery.
8. Although abuse and assault are complex phenomena and people who are marginalized can and do engage in these acts of domination, the *great majority* of all sexual violence is committed by cis heterosexual white men, *regardless* of the gender of the victim.
9. The Prison Industrial Complex vastly disproportionately targets Black and Indigenous people.

10. Black and Indigenous people are not disproportionately violent. White men are. But white men are not disproportionately imprisoned.
11. The great majority of prisoners are not rapists or abusers.
12. The majority of Black and Indigenous prisoners are not rapists or abusers.
13. Rapists and abusers are disproportionately non-imprisoned, free citizens protected by the law and the cops.
14. Black and Indigenous people, trans, non-binary, and queer people, women, and children are the majority of victims and survivors of sexual violence.
15. Among these, people at more than one intersection of oppression are at even higher risk of rape and incarceration.
16. An abolitionism that centers the protection of rapists and abusers from the voluntary, autonomous, individual or collective insurrectionary resistance of survivors is an abolitionism that centers the protection and safety of non-incarcerated free white men.

17. An abolitionism that saves primarily non-incarcerated free cishet white men from being subject to their victims' acts of direct action is an abolitionism that benefits the powerful at the expense of the marginalized.
18. An abolitionism that starts from the presupposition that "freeing and rehabilitating prisoners" equals "freeing and rehabilitating rapists and abusers" is a racist program that falsely conflates incarcerated Black and Indigenous people with "rapists and abusers."
19. When someone is seriously injured and requires therapy and care to recover, that is called "rehabilitation."
20. Incarcerated victims of the Prison Industrial Complex and racial slavery have been seriously injured. Rape victims have been seriously injured.
21. Rapists are not seriously injured by their own decision to rape someone, and they do not need to recover from the experience of raping someone.

- 21a. Abuse or trauma in their own past is unrelated to their decision to rape someone. Their own potential experience of victimization should be addressed in its own context, not in the context of someone *else's* – namely, their victim's – experience and needs.
22. An abolitionism that benefits disproportionately cis het white men at the expense of disproportionately Black, Indigenous, trans, and queer people, women, and children is not an abolition of the Prison Industrial Complex at all.
23. An abolitionist that centers the needs of rapists and abusers, and that benefits white men at the expense of the marginalized, is an accomplice and colleague of the Prison Industrial Complex.
24. Because every rapist is a cop without a badge.
25. And a cop is a rapist with a badge.

If you touch me, **I will fucking kill you.**

~ MRA, as in "Make Rapists Afraid"

Addenda

- Many rapists make it big, often colluding with the system for the sake of mutual benefit.
- The individual rapist's act of coercive control and domination, and the prison's system of coercive control and domination, are co-constitutive.
- The criminal justice goes so far out of its way to punish victims and protect abusers that it's a reasonable conclusion that one of its major purposes is to prevent people from defending themselves from rape and abuse.
- People who kill their own rapists or abusers are *very routinely incarcerated*. Especially if they are marginalized, and especially if the rapist is a cis white man.
- Abolishing prisons means ***liberating people who killed their rapists.***

...until the
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